



February 27, 2005

The Honorable Neal Nitz
Michigan State Representative
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Subject: Renewable Fuels Package

Dear Representative Nitz:

We are writing to express our support for your recently introduced Renewable Fuels Package. We believe this initiative will be helpful in expanding the fueling infrastructure to support flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) capable of running on up to 85 percent ethanol (E85). We are also supportive of expanding use of biodiesel fuel by reducing the motor fuel tax on biodiesel for blends up to 5% biofuel.

With approximately 300,000 FFVs on the road in Michigan today, E85 has great potential as an alternative fuel. E85 is an alternative transportation fuel made from a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline that can be used in FFVs. Michigan has only 4 stations that currently offer E85.

Our Companies are firmly committed to increasing the use of biofuels to increase energy independence for our nation while helping to build a stronger foundation for renewable fuels. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this bill.

Sincerely yours,

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